



# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** CMAP Board

**From:** Angela Manning-Hardimon  
Deputy Executive Director, Finance and Administration

**Date:** February 3, 2016

**Re:** Intergovernmental Agreement Approval for Transit Needs Analysis

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The GO TO 2040 plan includes goals to significantly increase public transit ridership over the next 25 years. However, this increase in ridership could strain the existing transit system. Understanding the physical and operational capacity limits of the current transit infrastructure will improve travel demand forecasting and help inform the process of setting targets for ridership growth in the region. It will also enable the next long-range plan to better reflect agency priorities and document expansion needs on the existing system. CMAP is seeking the cooperation of the RTA and the transit service boards in completing this project.

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) recently released a Letters of Interest and Qualifications (LIQ) seeking a vendor to provide a detailed planning study for the Brown Line that would include some elements of a capacity study. The CTA has selected CDM Smith for this work. In light of the fact that a system-wide capacity study would benefit both agencies, and the CTA has already selected a vendor by means of the same competitive process CMAP would employ to select a vendor for similar work, CMAP and the CTA feel that it is logical and economically advantageous to both parties to enter into an intergovernmental agreement to expand the current Brown Line study to include a system-wide capacity study.

It is recommended that the Board approve an intergovernmental agreement allowing the CTA and CMAP to leverage their collective resources for the completion of this expanded project. The cost to CMAP of the system-wide capacity study will not exceed \$100,000.00. The system-wide capacity study is expected to be completed no later than October 31, 2016. Support for this project is included in the FY14 Contracts Budget.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

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